

by LLOYD E. WAGAMAN, TEC # 33

HENRY W. BLAHA

TEC MEMBER NO. 8

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For the past several months your editor has had the pleasure of corresponding with a most interesting member of TEC. The correspondence has been very educational to the editor and as his (Henry's) letters are re-read it becomes quite evident that the correspondence was much of a one-sided nature. Henry writes pages and pages, each page full of ideas, thoughts, and opinions expressing, in great detail his real feelings about the Elongated coin hobby. And as time goes on he will, undoubtedly, write many fine articles for TEC News.

Henry will soon have a "rolling" machine of his own and there's no question but that he will furnish the hobby with many interesting pieces. Another love of Henry's is the collecting of "Love Tokens". A third and new love is any coin, elongated or not, that can be considered a "Handshake" or "Clasped Hands" piece. He, undoubtedly was led into this new field because of his own "handshake elongated" picturing clasped hands and produced for him by Lloyd E. Wagaman.

The editor's first meeting with Henry was at TEC's second annual convention at the recent A.N.A. convention in San Diego. It happened in the elevator of the El Cortez hotel as the editor and his family arrived to attend. We introduced ourselves and became fast friends instantly. Later after we became acquainted he was asked for a resume of himself for publication in TEC News. He replied that there wasn't much to write about by repeating Popeye's old saying "I yam what I yam and that is all that I yam." However, his resume has been received and as it is one of the most interesting it gives the editor a great big joy to publish it in the TEC News for all to read.

AGAIN INTRODUCING HENRY W. BLAHA

A DEVOTEE OF ELONGATED COINS

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(Written by himself)

I was born at a very tender age, back in 1911. I live in Cicero, but was born in Chicago, so that I could be close to my Mother, I thought she'd like it that way.

After living in Chicago about six years of my life, my Dad figured that our family, which now was six in number, would be better off in a home of our own, so we moved to Cicero, Illinois, that is.

My young life was the normal growing up period of any normal child with discipline applied in the right spot at the right time.

I went through grammar school without too much incident, except for being buried alive one time and coming out with a swollen ankle.

In High School I had three years of a trade course in printing and dropped out after the third year to go to the Chicago School of Printing which started me off into the printing trades. I followed the pressroom end of the trade and after working on the job presses for awhile I went into the larger cylinder presses as a pressman's assistant.

When World War II started I went over to enlist, but they rejected me. I tried to get into the Army Air Corps. The next month President Roosevelt sent me his greetings and asked me to go to war for him. Again I tried to get into the Air Corps and they said, "Yes, Indeed", and then promptly shipped me to the Field Artillery. After two weeks basic training, the outfit on the other side of the camp, the Field Artillery Observation group put in a bid for my services, and again I went through two more weeks of basic training.

There was a notice on the bulletin board that there was a call out for glider pilot applicants. Anyone with 75 hours of flying time was eligible. As I had almost that amount of time as a Solo Pilot I signed up for a transfer to the Air Corps.

They shipped me to an Air Corps Training Field and gave me a very thorough physical examination and I was going along very good until I came to the eye examination.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article written by DOTTIE DOW first appeared in COIN WORLD on October 21, 1964. The entire article is being reprinted for the members.

ELONGATED COINAGE FIELD HIT BY FLOOD OF 'MODERN' PIECES

Apparently no segment of numismatics is safe from the "fastbuck faker" any longer. The latest area to be invaded is my specialty, elongated coins, as "modern" reproductions of the 1893 World Columbian Exposition coins begin to flood the market.

At least three new varieties have suddenly "appeared." It is impossible to say if the dies are of recent manufacture, or if they were made (but never used!) in 1893. One thing is certain: None of the three were ever seen by collectors prior to 1964.

These new dies are being used on Great Britain halfpennies, Mexican large centavos, Canadian large cents and five cents silver, and U.S. Indian Head cents, two cent pieces, Shield and Liberty nickels; Bust, Seated and Morgan dimes, and many others.

While it is true that practically every coin imaginable was rolled at the Columbian Exposition, this rash of fakes makes it necessary to inspect every Columbian Exposition Elongated piece purchased.

The authentic pieces can be told from the 1964 renditions in the following manner: On the "CE" Monogram 1893 (with the "C" superimposed over the "E") the number "9" in the date is five millimeters high on authentic pieces. On the recent fakes it is only three mm. high.

On the Columbian Exposition 1893 with four stars: the authentic version has a hanging "S". The numeral "1" in the date is between the "S: and "I" in "EXPOSITION". There is a long tail on the "(" and the star after the date is to the right of the "N" in "EXPOSITION."

The recently-produced version has a long "S" with the tail pointing back instead of down. The "1" in the date is under the "S" in "EXPOSITION" and the "9" has a short tail. The star after the date is partly under the "N" of "EXPOSITION."

The authentic two-star Columbian Exposition elongated coins include four varieties, with the height of the dates varying from 3.5 mm. to 4.5 mm.. If the outline of the figure "9" in the date were continued around, it would form an oval.

The height of the "8" in the date of the recently-introduced pieces is 5 mm. higher than any of the authentic varieties. However, the outstanding difference is in the "9". Its top is almost round, while the tail has a more inward curve, presenting a true "egg" shape.

I do not have any of the above items for sale and I do not know who has. If anyone else knows of other "recent" Columbian issues, I would welcome the information regarding them.

by: DOTTIE DOW, P. O. Box 5238, Phoenix, Arizona 85010

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RICHARD TOWNSEND, TEC # 365, wrote a letter in to the Editor and for a new member he wrote of many things of interest to all TEC members: "Dow numbers appear frequently and mean little to newcomers such as me. I assume a book was published along this line. How can we newcomers obtain one if any copies are available? Or aren't there any?" (DOTTIE DOW's book "The Elongated Collector" was published in 1965 and it has become a prize possession for those that have it. As far as it is known none are available. However, Dottie expects to have her Second Edition completed and available sometime this fall.)

"How does one tell a "restrrike" from an "original"? This can be costly as buying a counterfeit SVDB, though not as much money is involved. And of the older issues, which are the common and which are the rare ones? (Would members knowing of pieces that have been "restruck" send information to Dottie and perhaps she will compile and verify for a future article?)

"A history of elongated cents would also be of interest. Suppose a serial of one or two pages in the newsletter were run for a period of time and that separate copies of the same were run off and sent to new members upon joining. (Richard: TEC News is publishing every bit of information that is sent in but you will never know how scarce good information is to come by concerning "Elongated Coins".

NEW ISSUES

JOHN J. MALESICH, 4802 Derry St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17111, TEC Member # 67 can supply you with Elongated 2 x 2's in red, white, blue and yellow with extra heavy acetate inserts at \$ 1.65 per 100 or \$ 15.00 per 1,000 POSTPAID.

PONTIAC PRESS, 35 Greenwich Ave., Pontiac, R. I. 02886 (Elmer Anderson TEC # 58) offers the following Elongated cents: "Wildlife Conservation", "50th Anniversary U.S. Air Mail", "Smokey Bear", "Apollo 8", and "Nixon Inauguration" for 50¢ each. An Illustrated Elongated Coins Check List for \$ 1.00. Be sure to ask for his free brochure listing many more Elongated coins.

JACK MECCARIELLO, Box 128-A, Pinu Plains, N.Y. 12567, TEC # 124, has several new pieces that he is offering. Send him a self-addressed stamped envelope for a complete list.

NORMAN & RUTH McQUITHY, 10635 College, Kansas City, Mo. 64137, Members # 186 & 187 recently acquired a rolling machine and offers their first piece titled "Canada-U.S. Peace Gardens" to collectors for 50¢ each.

ED BLACK, P.O.Box 141, Demarest, N.J. 07627, Member # 359 as representative of the NORTHERN VALLEY COIN CLUB offers their 3rd Anniversary elongated cent for 50¢. They also have 56 of last year's left for 75¢ each. First come-First served.

MARIE TRINNY, 3521 Garvin Ave., Richmond, Calif. 94805, Member # 37 offers two new Elongateds: #1-NORTH BAY COIN CLUB" and #2 is her own personal STORE CARD bearing her name, address, TEC No. within the outline of the state of California. 50¢ each.

DONALD E. SABO, 307 E. Clarendon St., Prospect Hts., Ill. 60070 announces a new series of SPACE Elongated coins. His first is due for release on May the 15th. Available only in sets (cent and dime) for \$ 1.25 plus 10¢ postage. (TEC # 341)

A.A. ROSATO, 44 Bank St., New Milford, Conn. 06776, TEC # 23 will send a free list of elongateds that he has manufactured on request. He recently released information on 12 new issues, each obtainable in 5-piece sets packed in pliofilm packages.

E. J. PICHE, 1170 Burke Ave., St. Paul, Minn. 5511-, TEC 167 states that he has a duplicate copy of Dottie Dow's book "The Elongated Collector" that he will trade for the best offer in old Elongateds.

LLOYD E. WAGAMAN, Route 1, Box 201-F, Camby, Ind. 46113, TEC # 33 offers the following: Masonic Emblom, Hand engraved 50¢, Max L. Kullor, STORE CARD, his 35th year with the Eli Lilly Co. 50¢, Alabama Sesquicentennial-50¢, Hawaii, 10th Anniversary 50¢. Lloyd also announces that he rolled 39 sets of his "Illinois", each set consisting of a cent, nickel, dime, quarter, half-dollar, and an aluminum presidential token, the 6-piece set for \$ 5.50. He also rolled 25 sets of the USS CHICAGO, the set for \$ 6.50. Both dies have been destroyed and no more can be rolled.---5-piece sets are available of Mississippi, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Alaska, and Kentucky. 50 sets of each were rolled and the dies have been destroyed.

TREASURE ALBUM DISTRIBUTORS, 9245 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif. 92503 announces a VERY FIRST in the Elongated Coin hobby!!!! Would you believe a ONE OUNCE BAR OF .999 SILVER with TREASURE ALBUMS' own STORE CARD????? Well, they've done it. The bars are (approximately) 48 mm x 20mm x 4 mm in size. (Due to adjustments of the Die pressure size will vary slightly. However, each bar weighs one ounce.) Order direct from: TREASURE ALBUMS DISTRIBUTORS. ONLY \$ 3.95 each.

TUSTIN COIN AND STAMP SHOP at 12932 Newport Ave., Tustin Calif. has a new STORE CARD called "Collector's Trade Token". Produced by T/A. Members can obtain three (3) of them for \$ 1.00 plus a self-addressed STAMPED Envelope. (On CENTS)

TREASURE ALBUM DISTRIBUTORS, 9245 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, Calif. 92503 is also offering a beautiful 10 piece set of The Ten Commandments. Each Commandment on its own coin. Each Commandment is superimposed on the pages of an open book design. A set on Cents only \$ 4.25, A set on Mercury Dimes only \$ 5.25. Order both sets and save fifty cents. Just \$ 9.00 for both sets.

BUYING ELONGATEDS

PAYING TOP PRICES FOR ANY AND "ALL" ELONGATED COINS LISTED

All numbers used are from Dottie Dow's book "The Elongated Collector". Any old Elongated coins not listed in the book is especially wanted.

ARlphx-1	N.Y.m.e.-1	SOC.iorm-2
CALo.p.-1	N.Y.HFC-3	SOC.k.p.-2
CALpom-1	N.Y.WF(1)-2a,5c,6,7,	SOC.k.c.-1
CAL A.E.-4a	11,13,22,23,28.31.33.	SOC.loom-1,2,3,4,
CAL PPIE-8, 8a	34,34a,35	SOC.mo-5,8,9,10,11,12
CAL GGIE=10,19,20,	N.Y..n.f.-3	SOC.scr-a1
20a,21	N.Y.syr-1	SOC-wow-1
CALs.f.-6,11,12	N.Y.uti-1	LUCKY-2,11
CALs.c.-1	N.Y.wat-1	XMAS-2,5
CALxxx2b,3	O.cin-2	FLAGots-5,7,8,
COLxxx-1	O.GLE-12	REL.c.c.-3
DELwil-1	O.cle-2	REL.t.c.-2,4,6,7,13,16,18
FLAajax-1	O.col-1	RELxxx-3
HAWAII-2a	O.xxx-2	XXX-3,5,7,9,12,17,19,23,
ILL CPIE-8,38,44,69	PEN-pit-4	25,26
72b,77,80,81,83	S..C.c.e.-2	SIMUL-14
85,89	S.C.xxx-1	D.D..st-12
ILL WCE-6	VIR.JTE-6a	L.P.vob-1,2,
ILLchi-4,11,20,21	WAS.SWF-6	L.P.rb PDPG-1,5,
INDdec-1	WAS.spo-2	WAS.xxx-2,6
KY.lou-2	CANADA-1,7	L.P.rbOTE-6,7
LA.n.o.-4	ENGLAND-1	L.P.db ODPG-2,5,7
MD.bal-2,3	F.D.R.-3,10,13,14,16	L.P.dbOTAE-5,11,12,14
MICdet-7,8,9,10	18,22	L.P.dbOTE-5,9
MO.SLWF-16	P&PC-3,8,11,18,20	L.P.dbOTPG-1
NEB.O-1 (Ak-Sar-Ben)	O.F.P.-1,4,8,9,12	L.P.dbOTPG-2
N.J.a.c.-1,4,8	SHIPS-2,6b	
N.Y.bl-2	SOC.a.1-4,5	
N.Y.PAE-3,7,13,17a	SOC.bpoe-1,3,4,6a	
N.Y.buf-1	SOC.foe-1,2	
N.Y.ci-2a,5,7,9,	SOC.ioof-1,2	

I will buy and pay top prices for any of the Elongateds listed. Will also sell or trade so send me your Want List.

MILTON G. HEITMAN

MARENGO, IOWA 52301

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FOR SALE:::::MY ENTIRE COLLECTION. SEND ME YOUR WANT LIST. HAVE A LOT OF THE OLD
ELONGATEDS AND MOST OF THE NEW ONES. R. A. FOX, 66 Hanks St., LOWELL,
MASS. 01852

DANNY B. CRABB
6572 Van Nuys Blvd.
Van Nuys, Ca. 91401

Offers the JIM BEAM BOTTLE SERIES. The first six are offered at \$ 2.95 and a schedule of future releases will be included with your order. Elongated dime sets to match the cents are also available.

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SEND TWO DOLLARS TO:: ALICE MOON, Secretary, 9312 W. Fort St., Detroit, Mich. 48209

Alice wishes to also inform the members that there's a few of the 1967 Convention badges still available. And quite a few of the 1968 badges. These are beautiful and remember they were all rolled on QUARTERS. Send \$ 2.30 to cover the cost and postage. (Editor's Note: Two suggestions have been received that TEC does future badges on half dollars next year.)

NEW MEMBERS

422 HAROLD R. COX, 521 W. MacArthur, Oakland, Calif. 94609
 # 423 DAVID J. SINGER, 8715 N. Harding Ave., Skokie, Ill. 60076
 # 424 JOHN G. SPADONE, 4872 N.W. 171 Terrace, Miami, Fla. 33054
 # 425 W. G. GARLOCK, 2217 North 3rd St., Clinton, Iowa 52732
 # 426 DR. ALAN YORK, 35 Main St., East Hampton, N. Y. 11937
 # 427 LEON MATUSOFF, 17 Third St. Arcade, Dayton, Ohio 45402
 # 428 FRED BLOH, 8169 Lister St., Philadelphia, Penna. 19152
 # 429 JIMMY G. HAUSER, Box 263, King, N.C. 27021

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR NAME

257 Correct Name from ROBERT E. DEWEY to ROBERT E. DEMPSEY
 # 272 Change address to: ELIZABETH L. CASE, 712-B Whitnall Hwy.,Burbank, Ca. 91505
 # 216 "" : CHARLES W. PATTERSON,RA-13312651,HHC SP TRPS USARY (S-4) APO San Francisco, Ca. 96375
 # 169 "" : ROBERT K. JUSCH, 824 Huntley Rd., Algonquin, Ill.
 # 17 "" : R.V.BRANDENBURG, P.O.Box 646, Canon City, Colo. 81212
 # 42 "" : PHIL WAGNER, 2220 Banbury Rd., Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001
 # 11 "" : JUDY LESSNER, 6026 'B' N. Winchester, Chicato, Ill. 60626
 # 82 JOSHUA LANE, 1266 W. Flagler St., Miami, Fla. 33135
 # 275 "" : ROGER L. WINKELHAKE, 3809 Garfield, Lincoln, Neb. 68506
 # 293 "" : LOUIS R. WEINERT, SR., 184 - 94th Ave. NE, St Petersburg, Fla. 33702
 # 20 "" : M. H. DUBNER, 12 Calvert Dr., Monsey, N.Y. 10952
 # 72 "" : LOUIS HENRIKSON, Box 699, Branson, Mo. 65616
 # 57 "" : GEORGE A. KOSTKA, 16405 Edgewood Dr.,Livonia, Mich. 48154
 # 28 "" : R. P. GOODWIN, BMC,U.S.NAV Rad Sta (R),Box 770,FPO,N.Y. 09555
 # 380 "" : MARCI ROWE, P. O. Box 2171, Riverside, Cal. 92506
 # 136 "" : R. W. LUCHTMAN, P. O. Box 56, Virginia City, Nev. 89440

The editor apologizes to Member # 205, WILLIAM M. LEE, 2508 W. 45th Avenue, Kansas City, Kans. 66103 for omitting his name from the membership roster. Add his name to your roster.

Also apologies to KENNETH LEE whose TEC # was listed as # 205. His correct # is 19. Please correct on your roster.

150 Remove from your roster: GRETTA MUGAR, 6092 Lenore Ave.,Garden Grove, Ca. 92641. Miss Mugar heard Wedding Bells and is no longer collecting.

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FOR THE MEMBERS WHO HAVE WRITTEN TO DOTTIE AND HAVE HAD NO ANSWER PLEASE BE PATIENT A LITTLE LONGER. DOTTIE WAS IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT AND HOSPITALIZED. She is now home and working to catch up on her correspondence.

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DON'T FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES FOR 1969. SEND \$ 2.00 to:

ALICE MOON, TEC SECRETARY
 9312 W. FORT ST.
 DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48209

THIS SPECIAL EDITION STARTED OUT AS A SHORT ONE PAGE ISSUE AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT MIGHT BECOME A FULL EDITION.

B U L L E T I N

The New York Times news service issued the following on their wire service to newspapers through-out the country:- - -

"The engineer on the Kennedy train said last night that thousands of persons had placed coins on the tracks ahead of the train and then retrieved the flattened discs to keep as souvenirs.

"There must have been one hundred thousand coins on the tracks between New York and Washington," said John P. Flanagan."

NOTE: For those of you who have heard Dottie Dow talk on Elongated coins you will recall that she states that perhaps the very first elongateds were made by people placing coins on the tracks ahead of Lincoln's funeral train and then retrieving them after the train had passed. HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF!!!!!!!!!!

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P.E.C., our newest producer of coins, Elongated, that is, owned and operated by Warren and Norma Bunge, are now members of "TEC". At least, their applications are being forwarded to Alice Moon, our Secretary. Warren and Norma requested that permission be granted for use of "TEC" membership list. As the writer was on the verge of mailing the special edition he stopped the presses and arranged for adding the enclosed literature, or should it be called advertising by TREASURE ALBUM DISTRIBUTORS and D.I.M.E. D.I.M.E. is the Sales Division of P.E.C. Both firms are sharing the complete cost of this issue." (NOTE: The editor is of the opinion that every effort should be made to keep the membership informed, fully informed, of any and all events concerning our hobby. He welcomes whatever material that any member, manufacturer, or publisher wishes to submit.)

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FOR SALE: The "Tustin Centennial" elongated cent, the first Elongated produced by P.E.C. 50¢ each, plus self addressed stamped envelope. Order from ELM ENTERPRISE P.O.Box 2443, Riverside, Calif. 92506. (Yes, ELM is "Editor Ed")

Dottie Dow Announces New Pieces

Elongated-cent specialist Dottie Dow of Phoenix, Ariz., has announced the issuance of four new elongateds, two in the commemorative area, and two of a satirical nature.

The 50th anniversary of U. S. Air Mail service, celebrated on May 15, is the subject of one of the commemoratives, on which is portrayed the Curtiss Jenny airplane, with registration number 33262, piloted by Lt. George Boyle of the U. S. Army.

The second commemorative, designed by Norman Nixon of Phoenix, Ariz., marks the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City.

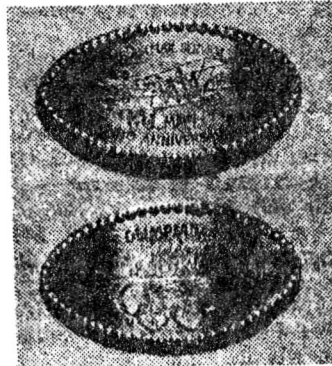
The satirical elongateds, by Dottie Dow, are the first Dow pieces to carry this series into the area of political satire. One spoons Democratic Presiden-

tial candidate aspirant Robert F. Kennedy, with the legend below: WHAT BETTER / QUALIFICATION / THAN BEING / SOMEONE'S / KID / BROTHER.

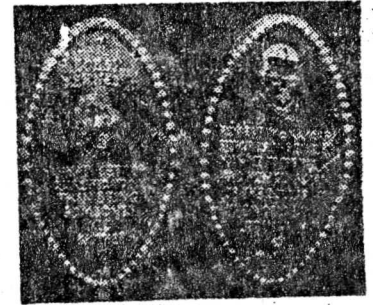
The second piece levels at former secretary of Defense, Robert McNamara, carrying the legend: ROBERT McNAMARA / FATHER OF THE EDESEL / MIDWIFE TO THE TFX / AND NOW GUARDIAN / OF THE DOLLAR AT / THE WORLD BANK / LET US PRAY.

In commenting on this latter piece, Don Dow says of McNamara: "He probably has one of the keenest minds of this generation in matters dealing with financial or business administration. He will, however, be remembered for many 'follies.'"

All of the four new elongateds are available from Dottie Dow, Box 5238, Phoenix, Ariz. 85010, at 50 cents each.

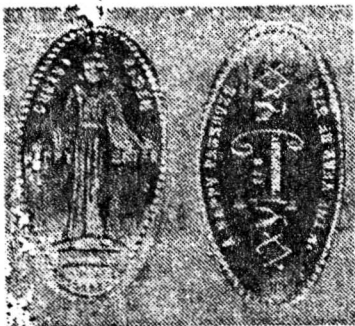


Two new elongateds by Dottie Dow mark 50th anniversary of U. S. Air Mail service, and Olympic games in Mexico City.



Elongated artist Don Dow portrays Bobby Kennedy and Robert McNamara on first two pieces in what is expected to be a series of elongated pieces.

Pieces Serve As Memorials To Martin Luther King Jr.



Recent Issue

Bernard and Bruce Gimelson, Inc., recently issued elongated cents for Easter and Passover. Both are available from the firm for 50 cents, each, plus a self-addressed stamped envelope. Orders may be sent to Fort Washington Industrial Park, Fort Washington, Pa. 19034.

JUST ANOTHER ATTEMPT

BY "editor ed"

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COMMENTS ARE WELCOMED



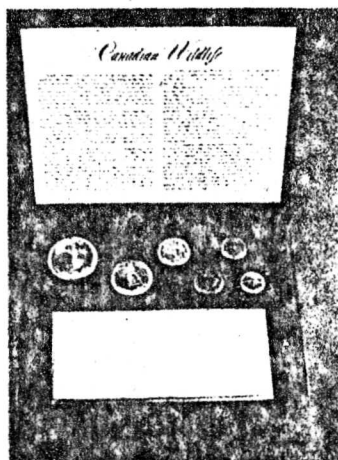
First Martin Luther King elongated coin — one of a set issued by A. A. Rosato of New Milford, Conn.

Available are elongated cents and dimes, at \$3 per set, or both sets for \$5.50. Orders should be sent to A. A. Rosato, 44 Bank street, New Milford, Conn.

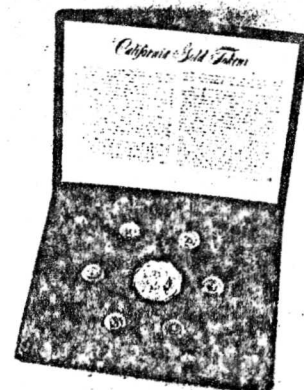
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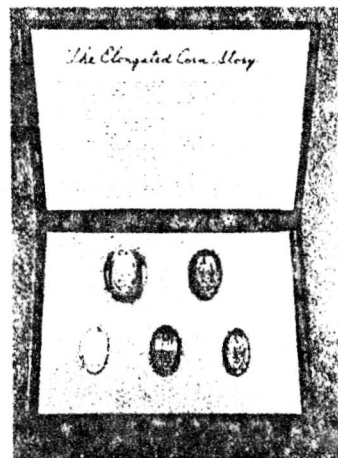
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A. THE SILVER STORY

A compact album with a Peace Silver Dollar, Morgan Silver Dollar, a group of Silver Granules, and a Silver Certificate. The entire unit comes with the factual story of the trials, tribulations and triumphs of the modern silver situation. (Granules were obtained at San Francisco Mint.)

A - Complete Album \$12.95 2 for \$25.00

A1 - Album with story and granules only \$3.50

A2 - Album with story; you supply contents \$1.95

B. CANADIAN CENTENNIAL

The fascinating Canadian Wildlife coins and the souvenir paper dollar plus the story behind the releases. Set includes the dove cent, rabbit nickel, mackerel dime, bobcat quarter, baying wolf half dollar, and the Canadian Goose silver dollar. The portrait of the Queen is on the paper dollar.

B - Complete Album with story \$13.95 2 for \$27.00

B1 - Album with dollar bill and story \$3.50

B2 - Album with story; you supply contents \$1.95

C. CALIFORNIA GOLD TOKENS

We have used replicas of early California fractional gold. They are NOT gold but this is the only way to tell the history of our pioneer days at a price the public can afford. Six tokens AND a replica of the famous California fifty dollar gold slug. (Marked copy on the coin.)

C - The complete album with story.

ONLY \$8.95

D. STORY OF THE LINCOLN CENT

The history of the Lincoln Cent from 1909 to date is also the nation's history. A revealing look into the first issue, wartime coinage, 1955-S cent, and the small date Denver cent. Added testimony to the resurgence of coins is displayed in the 1968-S cent. The concise tale of a special era in coinage includes the 1909 V.D.B. cent.

D - THE COMPLETE ALBUM . . . with 1909 V.D.B., 1943 steel cent, 1944 shell casing coin, 1955-San Francisco cent, the 1960 Denver large and small dates and the early issue 1968-S cent. For good measure, two reverses indicate the Memorial and wheatline designs.

D - The complete album \$8.95 2 for \$13.00

D1 - Album and Story; you supply cents \$1.95

E. THE ELONGATED COIN STORY

This may well be the first educational offering of a complete set of elongated denominational coins. The story is a classic and takes you behind the scenes of how elongateds are created.

The subject matter is the most popular one in elongated coinage: THE LORD'S PRAYER on a cent, nickel, dime, quarter, and a half dollar. (The minter did not take the easy way out and use war nickels with the softer alloy). You get a coin with nickel in it.

A DRAMATIC SET . . . Your choice of Catholic prayer or Protestant (Specify). THIS IS A LIMITED ISSUE.

E - Complete Album, story and five elongated coins.

Catholic Lord's Prayer \$9.95

E1 - Same as above but Protestant Version \$9.95

Two Sets (may be mixed or alike) \$18.00

F. THE PROOF SET STORY

PROOF SETS, MINT SETS, SPECIAL MINT SETS, YEAR SETS . . . What is the difference? This set includes the 1968 San Francisco unique proof set. To add spice and know-how to our educational offering, we have included a coin from a Special Mint Set and an uncirculated coin. One look and you will be able to tell the difference. Prices change daily on proof coins so the complete album price will be given on request only.

Album with S.M.S. coin and an uncirculated coin \$3.95

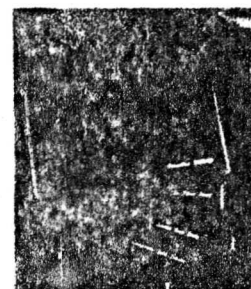
Album and Story only \$1.95

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WANTED: HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

In order to insure the promptness of the next issue of "TEC" News your editor seeks the help of the officers and members. Much appreciation and acknowledgement shall be given to any officer or member who will contribute any article or information that will benefit the membership. Your editor has been doing much research, without noticeable success, to locate articles on Elongateds that have been published in the past. Articles that perhaps many of you saved and that now would benefit our new members by republishing them in "TEC" News. Our organization is growing rapidly, and in all fairness to the new members, your editor feels that we should bid them welcome into "TEC" by sharing the knowledge and information that many of us got the hard way. A promise is hereby made that any item, previously published article, or bits of information concerning Elongateds will be published at the earliest possible date. So to those of you who have articles in your files it is being asked that you consider sharing them to all the members of "TEC".

FLASH!!!! (This should have been published in the "TEC" News that you just received. The one that was so late!!!!)

The most exclusive group ever formed in the numismatic field was formed by four of your fellow members. The first meeting back in October of last year conceived what is today known as the NUMISMATIC LITERARY GUILD. The four "TEC" members are none other than Lee Martin, President Dottie Dow, Maurice M. Gould and "Editor Ed". The Guild was formed to create some means of recognition of the people who are devoted numismatic authors, researchers, publishers, editors, and curators of museums. It was also formed to create a common ground for these people to meet on for open discussion of their views, express their needs for material and to be of mutual benefit to one and another. The membership is by invitation only as there are no dues and so forth. The membership list is the Who's Who of Numismatics. You'll be reading about this group from time to time.

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On suggestion of HENRY W. BLAHA, TEC # 8, a portion of the "TEC" News will be devoted to "UNLISTED ISSUES". Many of you have Elongateds that cannot be found listed in Dottie's book "The Elongated Collector". It would be appreciated if you would share a description of your unlisteds with your fellow collectors. Henry expressed the opinion that much interest in Elongateds can be created in this manner. And because of your suggestion, HENRY W. BLAHA, the editor suggests that you immediately submit your list of "unlisteds" for publication. (Please note, Henry, the word "immediately" was used.)

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APOLOGY, APOLOGY, APOLOGY.

The editor would like to apologize to JOHN J. MALESICH, TEC # 67, for neglecting to mention that members may order his 2 x 2's for Elongated coins. John stocks them in yellow, blue, red and white. Prices are \$ 1.65 per 100 or \$15.00 per 1,000. John says he'll even ship them postpaid.

Thank you, Eddie, for bringing this to the attention of the membership. Editor Ed is of the opinion that a hard concentrated effort should be made for more information on modern pieces be published. But how to get this information?? Many of us only becomes aware of new elongateds when we find them listed in the classified section of Coin World. And some are undoubtedly never advertised. But if every member will help in sending information "TEC" News will publish it for the membership.

'And, EDDIE, as you have collected these personal tokens the editor requests that you submit your list of personal elongateds for publication in the next issue. Then our fellow members can send in any additions that they may possess. New ones will be added, as received, in the future. But should these be called "Personal Elongateds" or "Store Card" issues???? Dottie??????

The editor extends further apologies to ELMER ANDERSON, TEC # 58. Elmer wrote many weeks ago, a most interesting letter, but in those weeks, Elmer, your letter has been so well covered that it can't be located. It's a promise, however, that when it comes to the surface that your items shall be published. It hurts as dear Mr. Zip is still with your letter and I can't show it or add to my collection. On second thought, Elmer, would you send me the items and prices again so that they can be in the next issue?

DEADLINE FOR ITEMS OF INTEREST, ARTICLES, AND OTHER NEWS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE HAS SET FOR JULY 10, 1968. "TEC" News will go to press on that date. Mailing date shall be JULY 15th, 1968.

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